The additional discoveries made by Oil India Limited in its oil fields in Assam are as under:—

| | Estimated in-place Reserve (Oil+OEG) in (MMT) |
|---|---|
| **1996-97** | |
| 1. Madarkhat, | 2.30 |
| 2. Jutlibari, | 2.08 |
| 3. Bachmatia, | 3.50 |
| 4. Chabua and | 1.29 |
| 5. Sealkati structures | 1.15 |
| **1997-98** | |
| 1. Deohal, | 1.35 |
| 2. Bhogpara, | 3.23 |
| 3. Sapekhati and | 3.77 |
| 4. Jeraipathar structures. | 0.10 |
| **1998-99** | |
| 1. Kamkhat | The reserve for the discoveries made during the year are yet to be assessed. |
| 2. Khagarijan | |
| 3. South Kathaloni | |
| 4. North Balijan | |
| 5. Mohanbari | |
| 6. Moran South (Deeper Prospects) | |

(d)

(Million Tonnes)

| | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99* (Apr-Feb) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Production of Crude Oil | 32.901 | 33.858 | 30.082 |
| Consumption of Crude Oil (In terms of Refinery Crude Througout) | 62.870 | 65.166 | 61.697 |

* Provisional.

**Petronet on Qatar LNG Deal**

2724. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "NTPC queering the pitch for Petronet on Qatar LNG" appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 4th March, 1999; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto including the remedial steps taken and coordination done with Ministry of Power to sort out the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) NTPC is being duly associated with Petronet LNG.